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Letter dated 8 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Honduras has issued a press communiqué related to the situation in Lebanon (see annex). Through the communiqué of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Government of Honduras expresses its support for Security Council efforts to achieve a diplomatic solution to the Lebanese crisis, condemns the shelling of the United Nations observation post and calls on the parties to end the military actions in the region.

I request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 8 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Press communiqué

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras wishes to communicate the deep regret of the Government of Honduras at the critical situation in the Middle East, especially in Lebanon, where hundreds of civilians have suffered as a result.

In that connection, the Government of Honduras concurs with the Statement by the President of the Security Council of 27 July 2006, expressing shock at "the firing by the Israeli Defence Forces on a United Nations Observer post in southern Lebanon on 25 July 2006, which caused the death of four United Nations military observers".

The Government of Honduras calls on the countries involved in this military conflict to halt hostilities, for the necessary action to be taken to avoid continued civilian casualties, displacement of civilians and the destruction of their homes, and for efforts to be made to reach a solution which satisfies the parties and guarantees international peace and security.

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